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Applicants : Leah, et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

This paper is being filed in response to Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability.

Applicants have fully complied with 37 CFR §1.111 (b) and (c) and 37 CFR §1.133(b) and thus believe that the prosecution *as a whole* makes clear the reasons for allowance thus satisfying 37 CFR §1.104(e). As such, the comments by the Examiner in the Reasons for Allowance serve only to confuse an otherwise clear record and should not be construed to place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow, upon the allowed claims and should not give rise to any negative implications therefrom. The applicants specifically do not acquiesce to any negative inferences that may flow from the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
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